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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED DECEMBER
30 AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO LOZANSKIY WITH COPY TO
KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET.

2. DECEMBER 30, 1977 02.02-11

DEAR DR. LOZANSKIY:

WE HAVE FINISHED OUR REVIEW OF THE DOCUMENTS WE RECEIVED
IN NOVEMBER ON THE SEVERSKIY-DOVETS BASIN, AND ARE NOW
COMPLETING THE REVIEW ON THE DNEPR BASIN. DOCUMENTS ON
BOTH BASINS WERE TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH. WITHIN THE
SEVERSKIY-DONETS BASIN, THE AREA OF OUR GREATEST INTEREST
IS THAT PORTION OF THE BASIN BETWEEN IZYUM AND SPANICHONO-
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LUGANSKOYE, ESPECIALLY SOME OF THE TRIBUTARY STREAMS.
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE ITINERARY FOR THE 3-MAN U.S.
DELEGATION ARRIVING JANUARY 8 VIA SU 581 COULD INVOLVE
A VISIT TO THIS AREA?

WITH REGARD TO DATA, WE WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING ADDITION-
AL INFORMATION:

(1) HYDROLOGICAL DATA, ESPECIALLY FLOW REGIMES, CRITICAL FLOW PERIODS, AND BACKGROUND WATER QUALITY CONDITIONS (PH, D.O., AND NITRIFICATION AS EXAMPLES).

(2) POINT SOURCES, ESPECIALLY MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL 5 DAY BOD FLOWS, TOXIC TYPE DISCHARGE AMOUNTS, PH, TEMPERATURE AND OTHER VALUES; AND ANY SPACE OR TIME DIFFERENCES IN THESE DISCHARGES.

(3) NON-POINT (AND ALSO FOR POINT SOURCES), AN INDICATION OF THE FEASIBLE OR HYPOTHETICAL CONTROL MEASURES THAT THE USSR MIGHT CONSIDER.

(4) COSTS - CAPITAL AND OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF CONTROLS, ALONG WITH AN INDICATION OF HOW DETERMINATIONS AND TRADEOFFS ARE MADE AS TO WHO PAYS THE COSTS.

(5) PRIORITIES - HOW ARE PRIORITIES SET AMONG COMPETING NEEDS FOR AIR POLLUTION, WATER POLLUTION OR SOLID WASTE CONTROLS IN THE BASIN? HOW ARE CONTROL INTERRELATIONSHIPS DETERMINED?

(6) PRETREATMENT - EXAMPLES OF REMOVAL OF TOXIC TYPE MATERIALS FROM WASTE FLOWS BEFORE DISCHARGE INTO CITY SEWER SYSTEMS.

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THE U.S. EXPERTS ARRIVING IN THE SOVIET UNION ON JANUARY 8 (ED WOO, JOHN CASAZZA, AND RON SHARPIN) PROPOSE THAT THE FIRST WORKING DAY BE SET ASIDE TO REVIEW THEIR ANALYSIS OF THE SOVIET MATERIAL AND TO COMPLETE DISCUSSIONS ON THE ITINERARY AND QUESTIONS THE U.S. SIDE WISHES TO ASK. AT THAT TIME, THE U.S. SIDE WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE SOVIET SIDE WITH ADDITIONAL MATERIAL REQUESTED BY THE SOVIET SIDE ON THE CONNECTICUT RIVER BASIN.

FINALLY, DURING THEIR SITE VISIT THE U.S. EXPERTS WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS MINISTERIES (FISHERIES, HEALTH, INDUSTRIAL, MUNICIPAL ECONOMY) AS WELL AS WITH THE INSPECTORATES THAT ARE INVOLVED IN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL IN THESE TWO BASINS.

PER DR. YEREMENKO'S REQUEST I HAVE AGAIN MADE COPIES OF OUR TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION ON THE MODELS AND MR. SHARPIN WILL CARRY THEM TO KHARKOV.

I EXPECT THAT THIS JANUARY VISIT WILL BE VERY PRODUCTIVE

AND I LOOK FORWARD TO A SUCCESSFUL EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS.

WITH MY BEST WISHES FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.

SINCERELY YOURS,

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